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To: R6 Response Notify

Subject: Explosion in Geismar, LA

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Received a call from Peter Rica/LDEQ this morning notifying EPA of an explosion in Geismar, LA. The explosion was reported to have occurred at 0837 hrs. Limited details were available at the time of the initial notification. The Facility is Williams Olefins and per the RMP report, the following chemicals are onsite: Chlorine (tox)/12,000 lbs, 1,3 Butadiene (Flam)/2,4000,000 lbs, Ethane (Flam) 80,000 lbs, Propane (Flam)/200,000 lbs, Propylene (Flam)/750,000 lbs, Ethylene (Flam)/130,000 lbs. The news has reported evacuations, shelter in place and injuries as far away as Baton Rouge. There was also a report the explosion may have resulted from a fire in the boiler room. Baton Rouge START has been mobilized as well as the R1 OSC (John Martin). LDEQ responder is also in transit with State Police as the lead. EPA Headquarters has been notified as well as R6 Management and PIO (Jennah Durant). LDEQ has requested air monitoring at this time. The ASPECT plane will be unavailable due to maintenance.



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